



CHAPTER FL1-K, MATANZAS RIDERS PALM COAST/ST. AUGUSTINE

MARCH



Our monthly gathering takes place on the 2nd Monday of every month at the IHop Restaurant, 212 Palm Coast Pkwy, Palm Coast, FL.

We begin with dinner at 6 pm, and our gathering starts at 7 pm.

Please come and join us – we'd LOVE to see you!

Visit us online at www.fl1-k.org!

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From the Director's Chair

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What is this thing called Bike Week

Daytona Beach Bike Week began as the Daytona 200 motorcycle race on the beach. It has since grown into one of the largest motorcycle rallies in the United States. The Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce supported and organized the event as it grew into a gathering for riders and fans, adding events like bike shows, live music and group rides. Bike Week has been a tradition since January 24th, 1937 – the inaugural running of the Daytona 200. The first race took place on a 3.2 mile course both the beach and the roadway, which is now SR A1A. Every year, roughly 500,000 people come down to the 10-day extravaganza that is Daytona Bike Week. With that number of folks in town, it pays to be careful with whatever you're driving. There is nothing more exhilarating than riding a bike with thousands of other like-minded riders. This year Bike Week is from Friday February 28, 2025, to Sunday, March 9th, 2025.

The 3rd Annual EWMA Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN, Safety & Riding March 13, 14 & 15 2025, is at the Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel & Conference Center. "Buckle Your Helmets and Fasten Your Fringe – Our Roaring 20's Ride is about to begin!" Information about Hotel and Rally registration is on the District Website at ewma-florida.org. The final chance to obtain the winning ticket for the Florida District Safety Raffle for \$5000.00, \$500.00 or \$250.00 from the Chapter will be at the Social Gathering on 10 March 2025. Please support your Chapter and District by purchasing a book of 10.

The next District Rally in Region A will be the EWMA Tennessee District Rally, April 24 – 26, 2025, in Johnson City, TN, with a theme of America The Beautiful.

As Bob & Julie stated in their article don't forget to set you clocks forward one hour on 9 March 2025

We hope to see you at an EWMA event in 2025,

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From the Assistant Director

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Welcome to March. This month we switch to Daylight Savings Time on Sunday morning the 9th of March, and we'll celebrate St Patrick's Day on Monday the 17th of March.

Our plans this month include our Chapter Gathering on Monday the 10th, and the FL District Rally in Gainesville from the 12th to the 15th. Join us this year, even if it's for just a day.

Jeanette needs volunteers for the game room, and don't forget to purchase your grand prize rally tickets. The prizes include \$5,000 first place, \$500 second place, and \$250 third place. Donations are \$1 per ticket.

Last month, we attended our first "Wingers-N-Waves" cruise to the Western Caribbean & Perfect Day aboard the "Oasis of the Seas".

Julie and I drove to Ft Lauderdale the night before the cruise and stayed at the recommended "Spring Hill Suites" in Dania Beach. They offered a special rate, and the hotel was sold out.

We parked the car at the hotel and used the shuttle provided to get us to the cruise terminal.

The process of dropping off our luggage and boarding the ship was the easiest we experienced in our years of cruising.



It was nice sailing with Eagle Wings members including folks from our own Chapter and National. We also caught up with members from our prior District of Maryland and members from New York.

Wingers-N-Waves did a great job coordinating the schedule of events. The 10th Anniversary celebration was a 1950's Sock Hop party, and it was a blast. Almost everyone dressed for the occasion.



Another event held by Wingers-N-Waves included the Tropical Vibes Caribbean Party. It was another great time enjoyed by all.

The first stop on our cruise was to RCL's Island, CoCo Cay. Two Oasis Class Ships were planned to dock there the same day, so Julie and I decided to spend the day at the Coco Cay Beach Club.

There is a cost to spend the day there, but it was well worth it. We did not experience the crowds the other beaches had, which made the day very nice.



We spent the day in beach lounges with umbrella's, took a dip in the Ocean and heated pool, had a few drinks and enjoyed a Surf & Turf

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lunch at the private restaurant. What a perfect day!! The second port stop was Falmouth Jamaica. This was our third time visiting so the tour director mentioned we are now adopted!!



We departed the ship for the “Hampden Rum Experience” with lunch. The Hampden Estate has been distilling rum for 265 years!

It was a very interesting tour, and we learned the mash (Esters) is purchased and used by other Rum Distilleries on the island, including one of our favorites, Appleton.

The Distillery fed us Jerk Chicken and Hush Puppies before we could sample the Rum...it’s a good thing we ate something!!

Our last stop was Labadee Haiti. This part of Haiti is owned by RCL. I departed the ship and walked around for a few hours enjoying the sights.

Overall, it was a great cruise, and we enjoyed all the events so much we signed up for the Wingers-N-Waves



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cruise next year!

Next month, join us at the Tennessee District Rally, 24th thru 26th, in Johnson City. The rally will be held at the host hotel, the Holiday Inn located at 101 West Springbrook. The EW rate of \$120 a night expires 31 March.

Julie and I will be arriving in the RV with Trike in tow and staying at the Bristol / Kingsport KOA Holiday, about 20 minutes away. It's the same campground we stayed at last year.

The TN rally will be the start of our two-month trip. Our destinations will include NC, SC, NY, GA, and Alabama. During the trip, we'll also be attending The SC District Rally in Newberry, Americade Motorcycle Rally in Lake George, the GA/Region A Rally in St. Helen, and wrapping up the trip at the Alabama District Rally in Sheffield.

Stay tuned for all our adventures.

Robert & Julie A'Hearn
FL1-K Assistant Chapter Directors



American Flags



If you have any torn, tattered, or discolored flags of any size, please give them to me. I will gladly have them disposed of properly, DO NOT put into trash.

Thank you.

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Membership Development Musings

Jeanette Carr, Membership Development Coordinator



GAME ROOM @ FLORIDA RALLY

IT IS THAT WONDERFUL TIME OF YEAR!!

Florida is fortunate to host the 1st EWMA Rally of the year 2025. The hotel rooms are booked and district staff has everything ready for Fun Times. This year's theme is ROARING 20's.

We will oversee the Game Room which is always a fun place to socialize with visiting members. The games are easy – a sit down “job”. High/Low, Beat-the-Clock, Plinko, etc are some of the games to play and win tickets to place in bags for a chance to win a prize. Each day there will be different prizes, and each day will have different color tickets. SO, come play each day for a chance to win.

Prizes are items but also many \$10 Gift Cards from places like: Wendy's, Mc D, Olive Garden, WaWa, Texas Roadhouse, etc.

The M&Ms from Clearwater will be helping on Thursday morning, but please come by and sign up to help me the other times/days.

FEBRUARY LOTTO DINNER

15 members enjoyed delicious Olive Garden meals. We had an area by ourselves and so our chatter didn't bother other dinners. Howard had his 1st chance to pull a chip and he did it right! He pulled the red chip and won the cash.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Come join us in March at the Little Tomoka Yacht Club.



FEBRUARY LADIES LUNCHEON

The group was smaller this month due to many members on the Wingers N Waves Cruise, but Rosalie, Irene, Beth, Kathy, Gloria, and long-ago member Fran joined the group at Oceanside Bar & Grill in Ormond Beach.

Next month the group will meet on Tuesday March 18, 11:30am @ The Southern Table in Bunnell.



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Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators

Safety Article

Dominick & Diane Desiato



Greetings to all! Greetings to All, Well, our Florida District Rally is just around the corner. We are looking forward to a great time and have some nice day rides planned. On Thursday we will be having a lunch ride. On Friday we will be having a morning ride and an afternoon ride. On Saturday we will be having a morning ride. There will be a rest stop somewhere in the middle of the rides. When you check-in at Registration check the Ride Sign-Up Sheets for the times and sign up. EWMA is all about riding, so LET'S RIDE!

RIDING IN THE RAIN

It's going to happen. You are going to get caught riding in the rain. But when it rains and you are riding your motorcycle, all bets are off. Suddenly, the world becomes more dangerous and a much scarier place. Suddenly, traction becomes sketchy; your safety feels more tenuous; it's often cooler; and fear becomes a dominating factor.

It's not so bad if you are riding out in the country or on less-traveled roads. There you can move at a speed that matches the more limited grip you know your tires now have. You can choose where you want to ride in your lane, and not be pushed by traffic behind you.

But in the city it is often ugly. There you're dealing with cars and trucks in close proximity (few of their drivers feel the need to slow down for the wet conditions) who have better traction than you do. Slippery painted lines; a layer of oil and grease on the tarmac; often-limited visibility; and all sorts of slippery little surprises are now affecting you on your motorcycle but not other vehicle drivers. All this coupled with the fact that the four wheel drivers are often distracted and not paying attention. (Cell Phones.)

Having the proper rain gear matters. Wear highly conspicuous color-wise to other drivers in the rain and gear that is also bad-weather friendly. There are some expensive rain suits you can buy that have built-in armour that takes place of your regular protective motorcycle gear. These suits are nice but take up a lot of storage space in your motorcycle when you are not using them. An economical solution which also does not take up a lot of storage space on you motorcycle, is to purchase thin water proof gear. The thinner stuff does not usually hold up well to the pounding winds as you are riding. They also do not have any protective components should you go down. What you can do is put the thinner rain gear under the protective gear you are already wearing. Therefore, your outer protective gear is still there should you go down and the thinner rain gear underneath stops you from getting wet. As soon as it stops raining the wind will blow dry your outer protective gear.

Getting caught by a surprise downpour is one thing, but heading out into rain from home without the right gear is quite another. Being wet and cold while trying to stay on top of things on the bike can be a big distraction, and one you don't need when you're dealing with the variables of a wet ride. Your helmet is key to all this, and primarily the face shield. Do you even have a face shield? Pounding rain hitting you in the eyes is a dangerous distraction and limits distance visibility. You'll want an anti-fog face shield if possible, or a face shield you can easily crack open to allow outside air to clear off the fog from within.

What is the condition of your tires? Knowing what kind and how much tread you have on your tires should

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dictate how you will be riding in the rain. Touring, sport-touring, adventure-bike and most retro-bike tires are designed to deal with water dispersal, and if they are in good shape you're ahead of the game when it comes to wet-weather traction. Many sport bike tires however, trade grooving for maximum slick-like surface area, which improves traction on a dry roadway-a good thing-but does nothing for water dispersal, and can lead to hydroplaning on a wet roadway-a bad thing.


Operating your motorcycle smoothly and without any jerky inputs on the handlebar controls and foot pegs are of supreme importance when riding on wet surfaces. Some of the newer motorcycles have a "Rain Mode" selection setting. This reduces the possibility of you giving your bike too much throttle when you take off. It is usually tied into the ABS braking system which lessens the chance of you braking too abruptly. If your bike has such a mode setting make sure you select it when you are about to ride in the rain. The limited traction your tires' contact patches is lessened in wet conditions, as abrupt movements can easily overwhelm that less-than-dry pavement traction quotient and cause hydroplaning and an often-abrupt loss of traction. Be aware of now slippery surfaces such as any painted lines like crosswalk lines, manhole covers, leaves, puddles, asphalt ridges, and potholes, etc. Intersections are extra ugly due to automobile oil droppings at stop bars.

Increase your following distance even though the vehicle behind you will probably be tailgating you. Apply your brakes more gently and do not use engine braking combined with the use of your brakes when stopping. Engine braking puts extra stress on your rear tire when combined with using your rear brake. This increases the chances of sliding your rear tire on a wet road surface. Take off from a stop smoothly to prevent slipping your rear tire. All control input should be gradual. This again is the reason for the extra following distance you should give yourself. Practice makes perfect. Pretend the road is wet and practice taking off and stopping smoothly so you are ready for the rain.

Stay relaxed. Keep your cool. And survive riding in the rain.

Ride safe,

Dominick & Diane



Every St. Patrick's Day
every Irishman goes out
to find another
Irishman to make a
speech to.

Shane Leslie

On The Lighter Side

What gradee would you give this student?

1. In which battle did Napoleon die? *His Last.*
2. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed? *At the bottom of the page.*
3. The Pecos River flows through which state? *Liquid.*
4. If it took 8 men 10 hours to build a wall, how long would it take 4 men to build it? *No time at all. The wall is already built.*
5. What is the main reason for failure? *Exams.*
6. How can a man go eight days without sleeping? *No problem – he sleeps at night.*
7. How can you lift an elephant with one hand? *You will never find an elephant that has one hand.*
8. If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in the other hand, what would you have? *Very large hands.*
9. How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it? *Any way you want. Concrete floors are very hard to crack.*
10. What can you never eat for breakfast? *Lunch and dinner.*



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FL1-K March Calendar

Mar 02

Visit Chapter FL1-G Deltona, 111 S Oregon Ave, Sanford, FL. Meet there at 12:noon.

Mar 04

'Footloose Ride', Meet at McDonald's, 5190 E Moody Blvd, Palm Coast, 32164 KSU @ 9:00 AM.

Mar 07

Barry's Snowbird Friday Ride, KSU 9AM, Race Trac. 2451 Beville Rd, Daytona Beach, FL 32119.

Mar 10

Chapter FL1-K Social Gathering. We will eat at 5:30pm and begin the Social Gathering at 7:00 pm. Location is IHOP, 212 Palm Coast Pkwy, Palm Coast, FL 32137.

Mar 11

Freedom Ride - Because We Can, Meet at McDonalds, 105 Interchange Blvd, Ormond Beach, 32174. KSU 9AM

Mar 13

EWMA Florida District Rally. Buckle Your Helmets And Fasten your Fringe - Our Roaring 20's Ride Is About To Begin. www-ewma-florida.org

Mar 14

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Mar 18

'Footloose Ride', Meet at McDonald's, 5190 E Moody Blvd, Palm Coast, 32164 KSU @ 9:00 AM.

Ladies Luncheon, The Southern Table Restaurant, 501 South State St, Bunnell, FL 32110. Meet there at 11:30AM

Mar 21

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Mar 25

Freedom Ride - Because We Can, Meet at McDonalds, 105 Interchange Blvd, Ormond Beach, 32174. KSU 9AM

Mar 27

Lotto Dinner. Little Tomoka Yacht Club, 2369 W SR 40, Ormond Beach, FL 32174. Meet there at 5:30PM

Mar 28

Barry's Snowbird Friday Ride, KSU 9AM, Race Trac. 2451 Beville Rd, Daytona Beach, FL 32119.



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BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES, etc.!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

WINNING DOOR PRIZE CONTRIBUTOR	Marcia Shad
50/50	Ed Carr Barry Watson
Chapter Shirt	Howard Stuart



DOOR PRIZES	
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Sharon McNicol	Sharon Van de Vord
Howard Stewart	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
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Ed Carr	03/09
Marcia Shad	03/14
Gloria Harrington	03/29

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Sharon McNicol	
Jeanette Carr	

FL1-K Happenings



1 January—Shrimp or Us



Ladies Luncheon





Florida District Calendar of Events



DATE(S)	EVENT	LOCATION	Link
Mar 13-15, 2025	Florida District Gathering of Friends for Fun - "Buckle Your Helmets And Fasten Your Fringe" - Our Roaring 20's Ride Is About To Begin!	Gainesville, FL	Flyer
Apr 24 - 26, 2025	Tennessee District Rally "America the Beautiful"	Johnson City, TN	Flyer
May 15 - 17, 2025	South Carolina District Rally "Salute to the Troops"	Newberry, SC	Flyer
Jun 5-7, 2025	Georgia District Rally "Beach Bash"	Hele, GA	Flyer
Jun 20-21, 2025	EWMA International Ride-In	Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada	Flayer
Jun 26-28, 2025	Alabama District Rally "Roaring 20s"	Sheffield, AL	Flyer
Aug 28-30, 2025	EWMA National Rally Eagle Wings Rendezvous"	Fort Smith, AR	Link To EWMA Website
March	14		2025

Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association

Our Vision:

A simple, fun, riding, social association of like-minded motorcycle enthusiasts

Our Motto:

Friends for Fun, Safety & Riding

Our Mission:

To provide to our Membership a fun and social environment that focuses on the love of motorcycling.

To bring the world together around that passion while helping them to be safer and mindful when riding a motorcycle.

To be a family-oriented, non-religious, non-political association, respectful of each other's beliefs.

Enjoying the ride together with like-minded motorcyclists.

Our Core Values:

FAIRNESS: All issues should stand the test of "is it fair?"

COMMUNICATIONS: The more we share information and communicate about our common love of motorcycling, the more we will all learn and benefit.

WORK: Working together toward our common vision, motto and mission keeps us focused and gives us the ability to become exceptional.

QUALITY: To be the best we can, treating all the way we would want to be treated, holding each other in highest esteem and respect in all we do.

ATTITUDE: We are each responsible for our own attitude. Strive to be positive, constructive, respectful, enthusiastic and creative in all interactions with members or public to enhance the relationship and promote our motto.



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